

# Emergence of Multidrug-resistant *Salmonella* Newport, United States

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# *Salmonella* in the U.S.

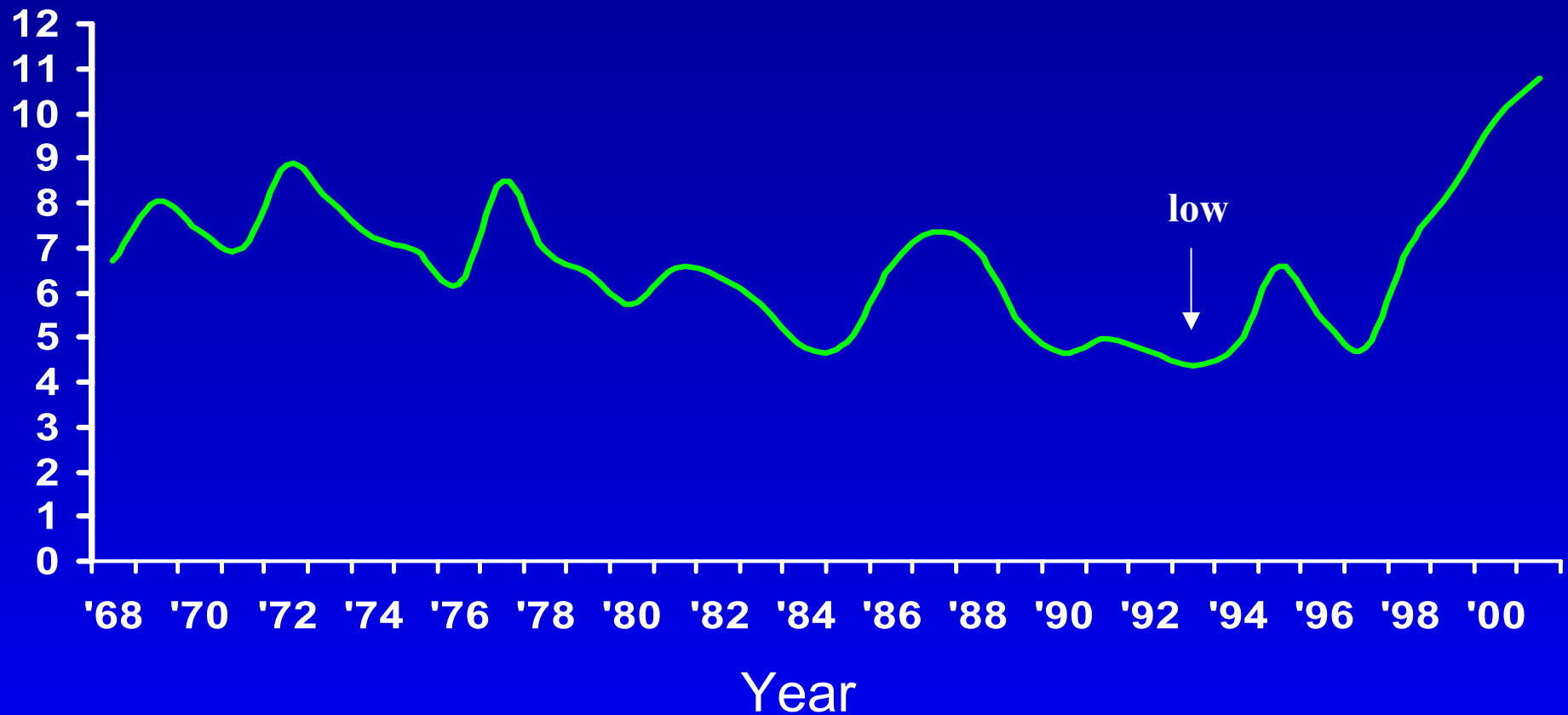
- Estimated annual burden
  - 1.4 million cases
  - 600 deaths
- State laboratories confirm and serotype
  - ~33,000 isolates/year
  - Represent ~2.4% of total estimated cases
  - Provide critical information for detecting emerging pathogens

Mead et al, EID, 1999

CDC Public Health Laboratory Information System (PHLIS)

# Proportion of serotyped *Salmonella* that were *S. Newport*, 1968 to 2001

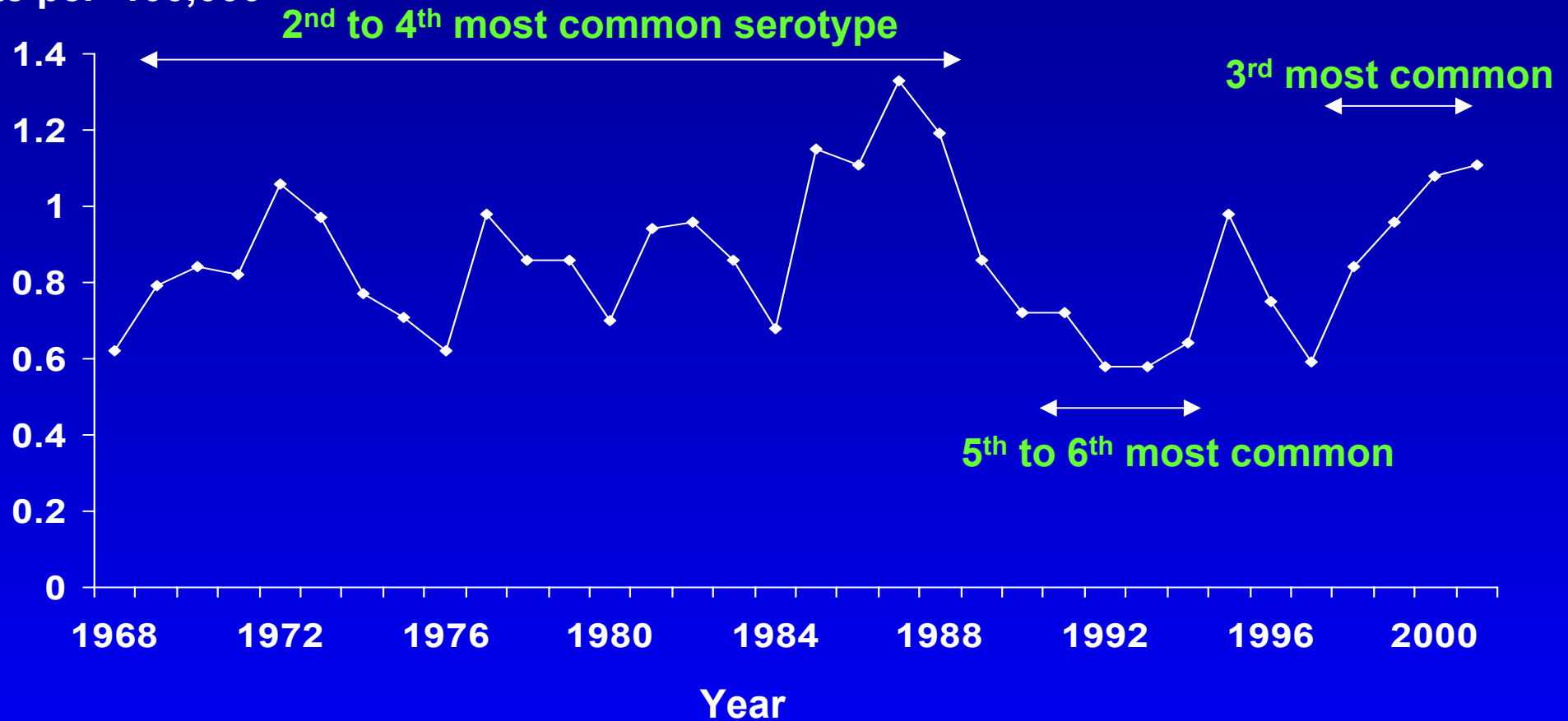
% of *Salmonella*



CDC PHLIS

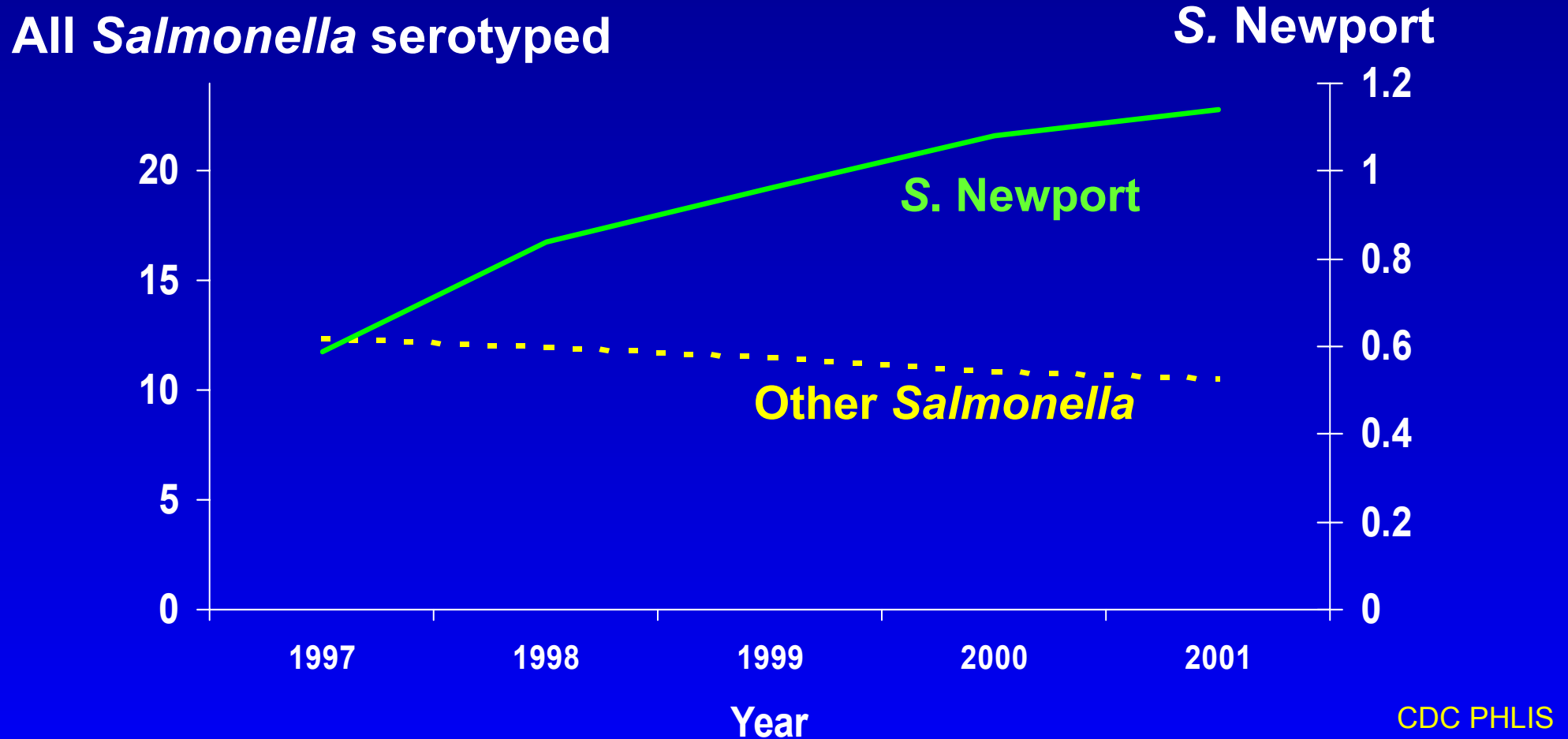
# Incidence of human *S. Newport* Isolations, United States, 1968-2001

Rate per 100,000



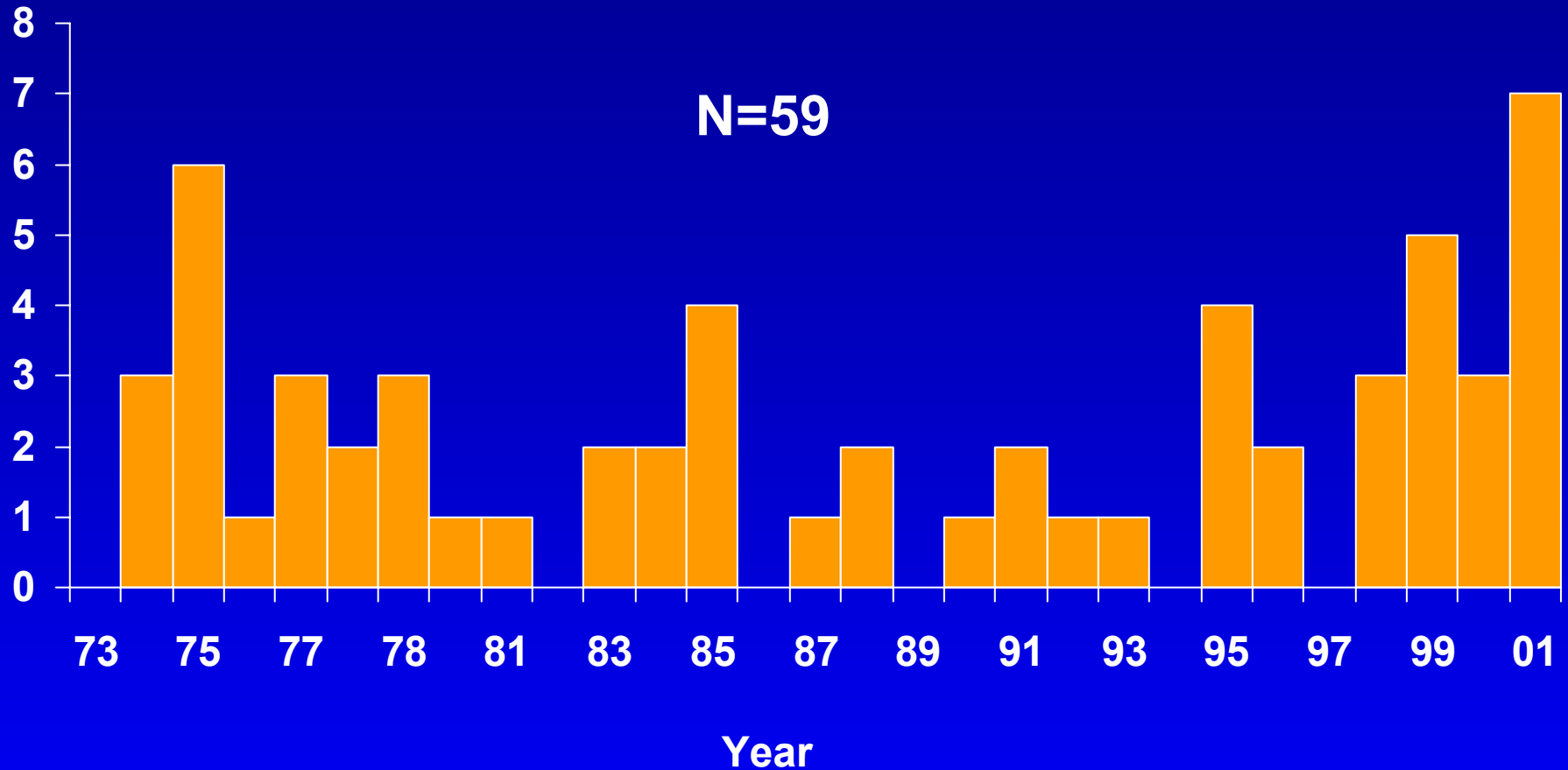
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# Incidence of *S. Newport* compared with other serotyped *Salmonella*, 1997-2001



# Foodborne Outbreaks of S. Newport, 1973-2001

No. of Outbreaks

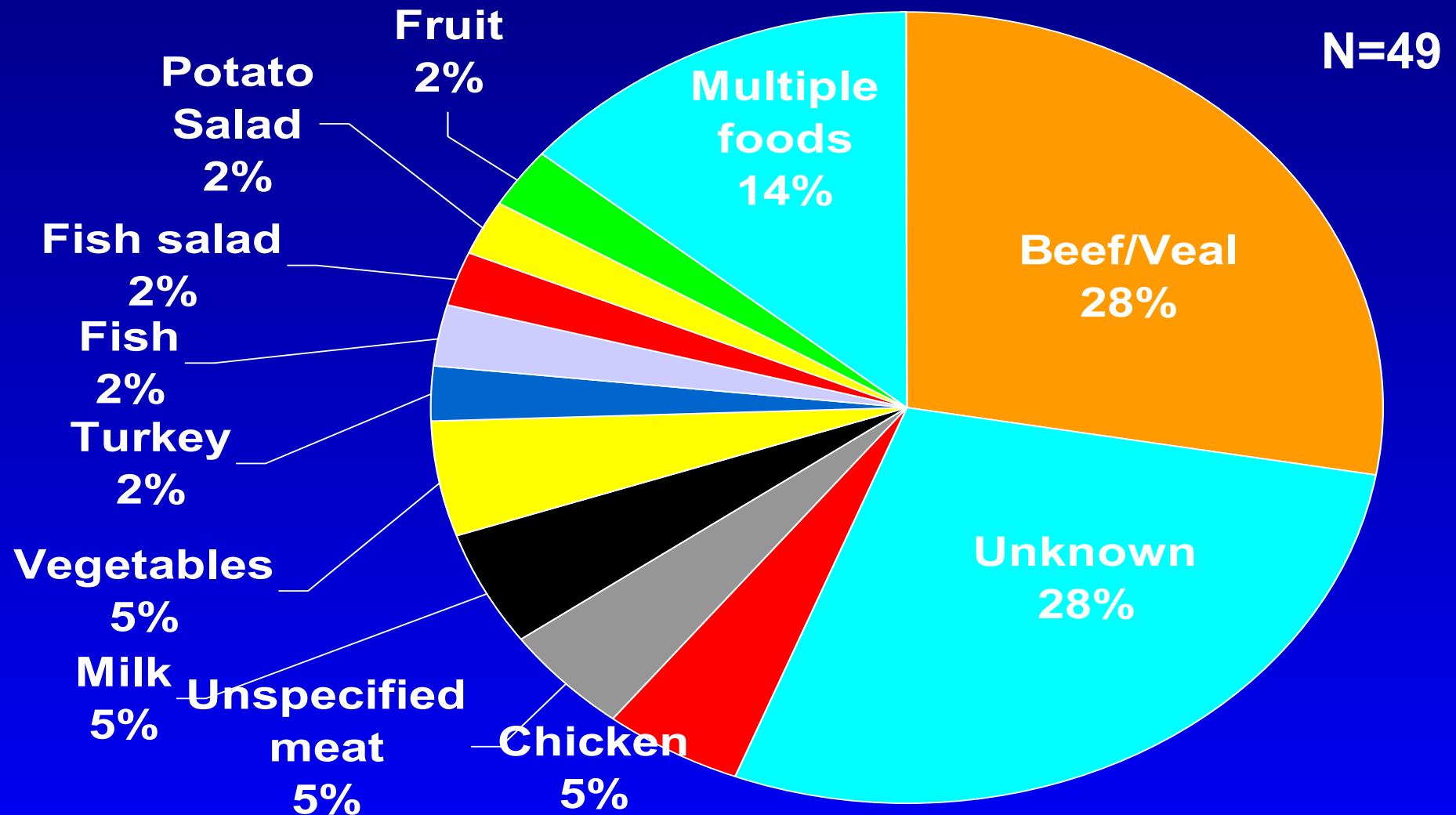


CDC FDDDB Outbreak Database  
2000-2001 provisional data

# Increase in *S. Newport*

- What food items are historically associated with *S. Newport* infections?
- What factors may be associated with the increased incidence?

# Vehicles Implicated in *S. Newport* Foodborne Outbreaks, 1973-1999



CDC FDDB Outbreak Data



# Selected *S. Newport* outbreaks, 1973-1995

Year	State	Vehicle	Resistance	Reference
'73	CO	Ground beef	SSuT	Fontaine AJE
'83	MN	Ground beef	AT	Holmberg NEJM
'85	CA	Ground beef	ACSSuT	Spika NEJM
'95	CA	Alfalfa sprouts	none	Van Beneden JAMA

# Resistance to ACSSuT

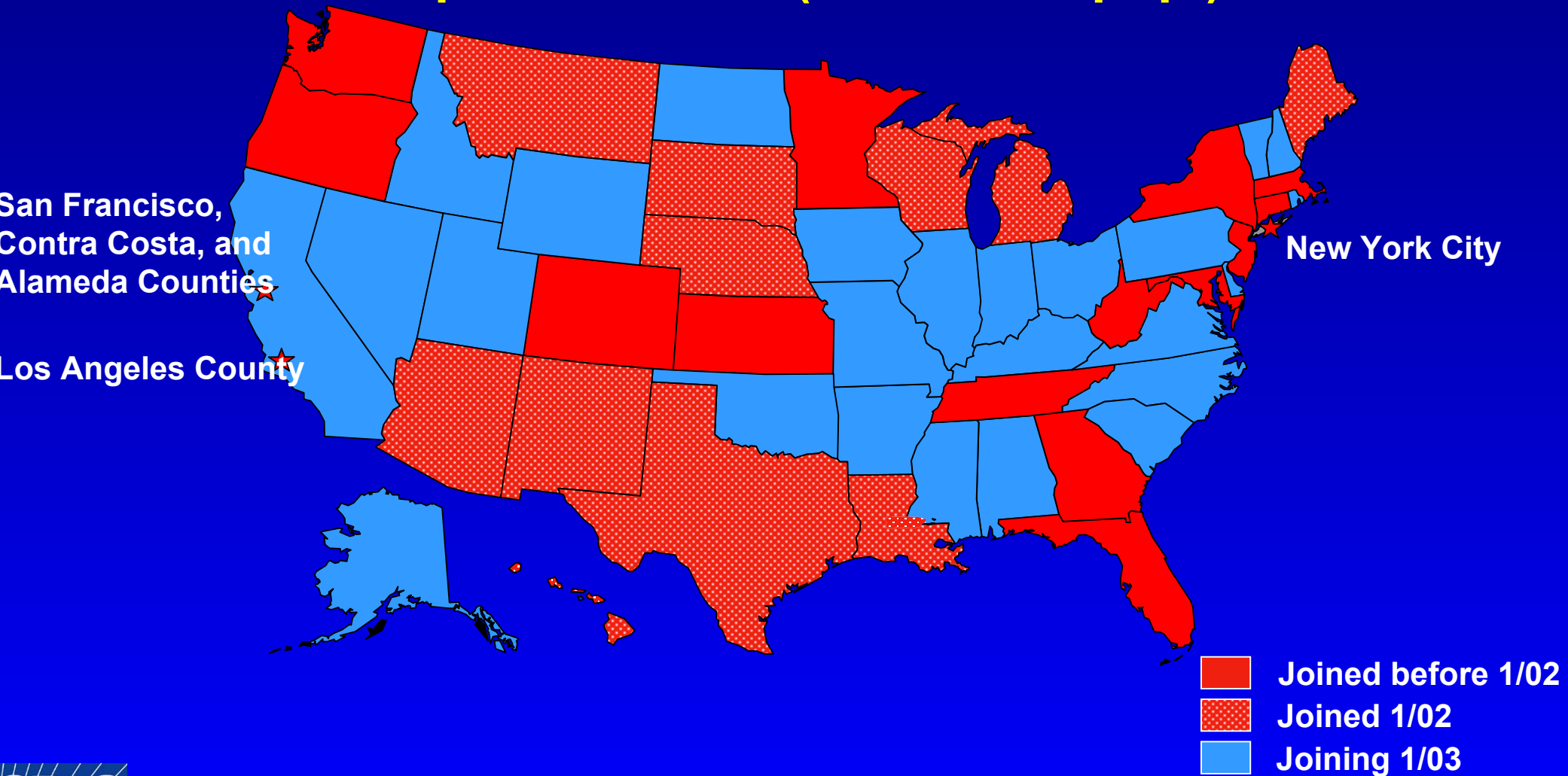
- Resistance to:
  - Ampicillin (A)
  - Chloramphenicol (C)
  - Streptomycin (S)
  - Sulfamethoxazole (Su)
  - Tetracycline (T)

# Antibiotic treatment of *Salmonella* infection

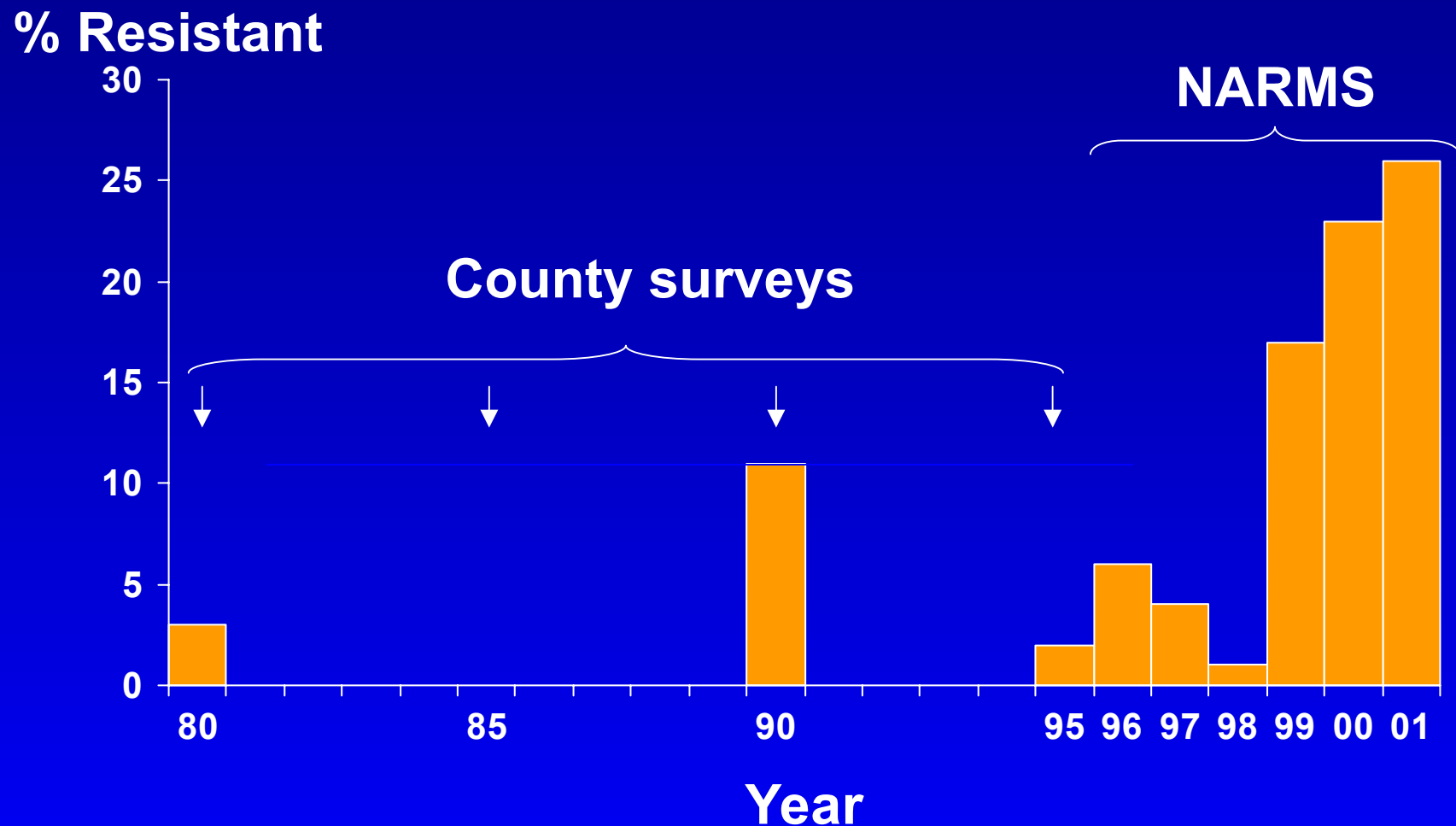
- Not needed for mild diarrhea
- Used to prevent complications in neonates, immunosuppressed, persons >50 years old
- Life-saving in invasive infections (e.g., meningitis)
- Important agents are amoxicillin, ceftriaxone, ciprofloxacin, trimethoprim-sulfa

# National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System (NARMS)

Pop. 158 million (56% of US pop.)



# Proportion of human *S. Newport* resistant to at least ACSSuT

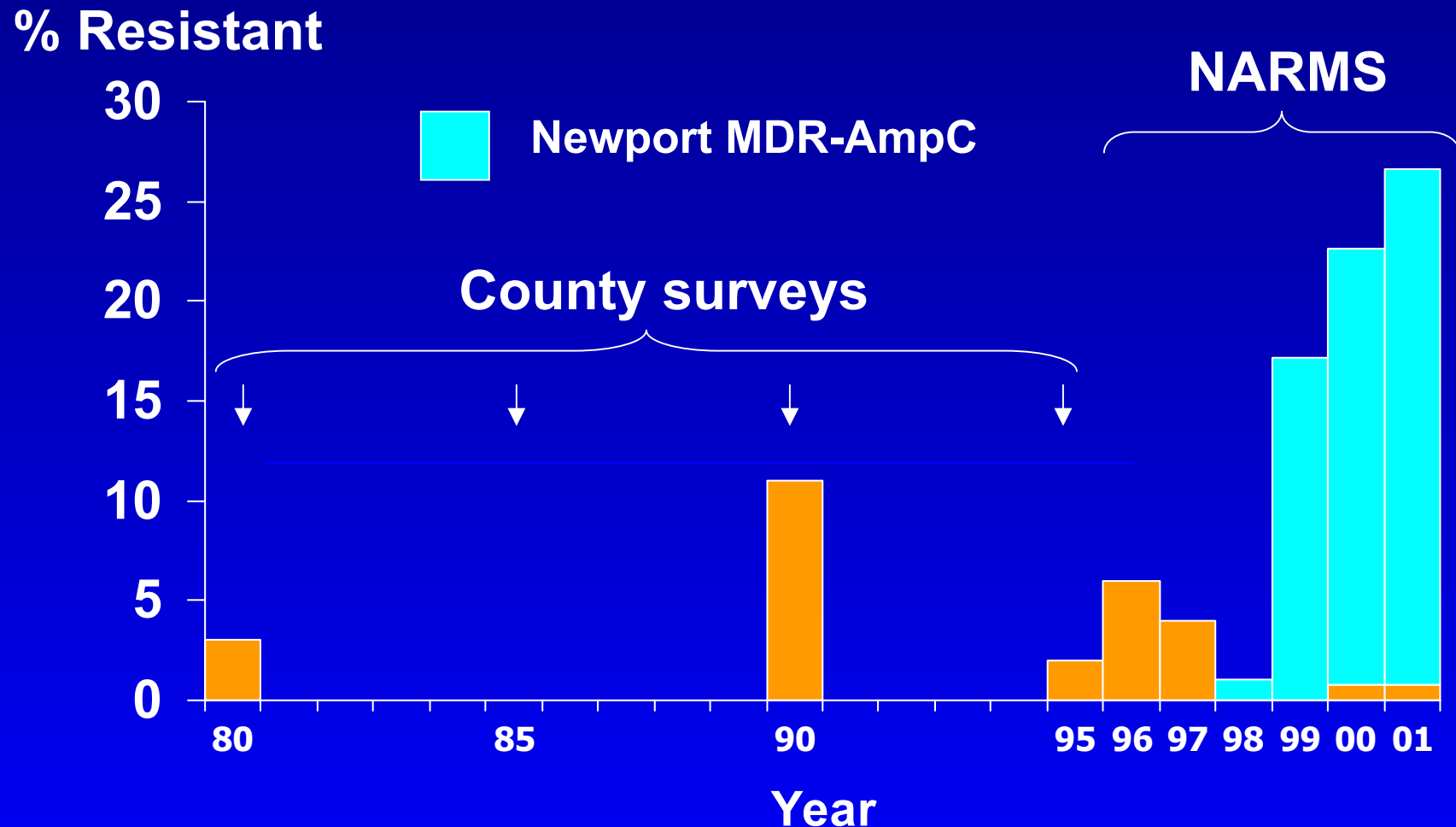


# **“Newport MDR-AmpC”**

## **A new resistance pattern**

- S. Newport resistant to ACSSuT plus
  - Amoxicillin-clavulanic acid (penicillin-inhibitor combination)
  - Cephalothin (1<sup>st</sup> generation cephalosporin)
  - Cefoxitin (cephamycin)
  - Ceftiofur (veterinary agent) and intermediate or resistant to ceftriaxone (extended-spectrum cephalosporins)

# Proportion of human *S. Newport* resistant to at least ACSSuT



# Sporadic Newport MDR-AmpC infections, Massachusetts

- Nov 2000: MA State lab noted 4 Newport MDR-AmpC isolates
  - 2 from ill dairy cows
  - 2 from ill persons --- one from a child who attended a daycare on another dairy farm

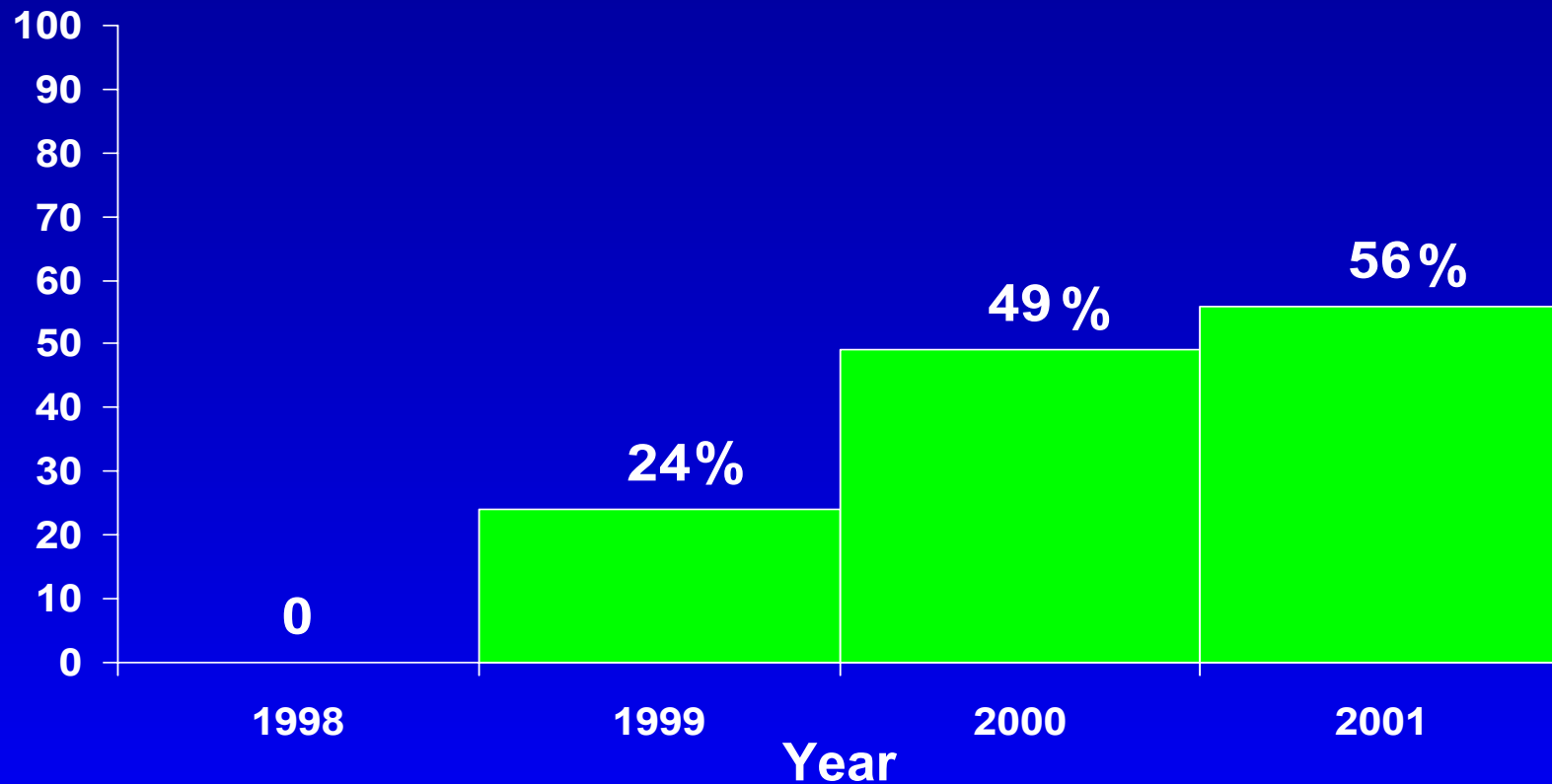


# Investigation of Newport MDR-AmpC, Massachusetts, 1998-2001

- Determined antimicrobial resistance of all recent human *S. Newport* isolates
- Determined risk factors for human illness via a retrospective case-control study
- Obtained and tested isolates from dairy cattle

# Proportion of Human *S. Newport* Isolates that were Newport MDR-AmpC, Massachusetts, 1998 – 2001

% Newport MDR-AmpC



Massachusetts Department of Public Health

# Characteristics of Patients with Newport MDR-AmpC Massachusetts, 1999-2001

- Compared with persons with susceptible *S. Newport* infection
  - More likely had bloody diarrhea
  - Less likely had international travel

# **Risk Factors for Human Newport MDR-AmpC Infection, Massachusetts, 1999-2001**

- Compared with well persons
  - More likely took an antibiotic in the past week
  - More likely had dairy farm exposure
  - Less likely ate yogurt

# Review of cattle isolates

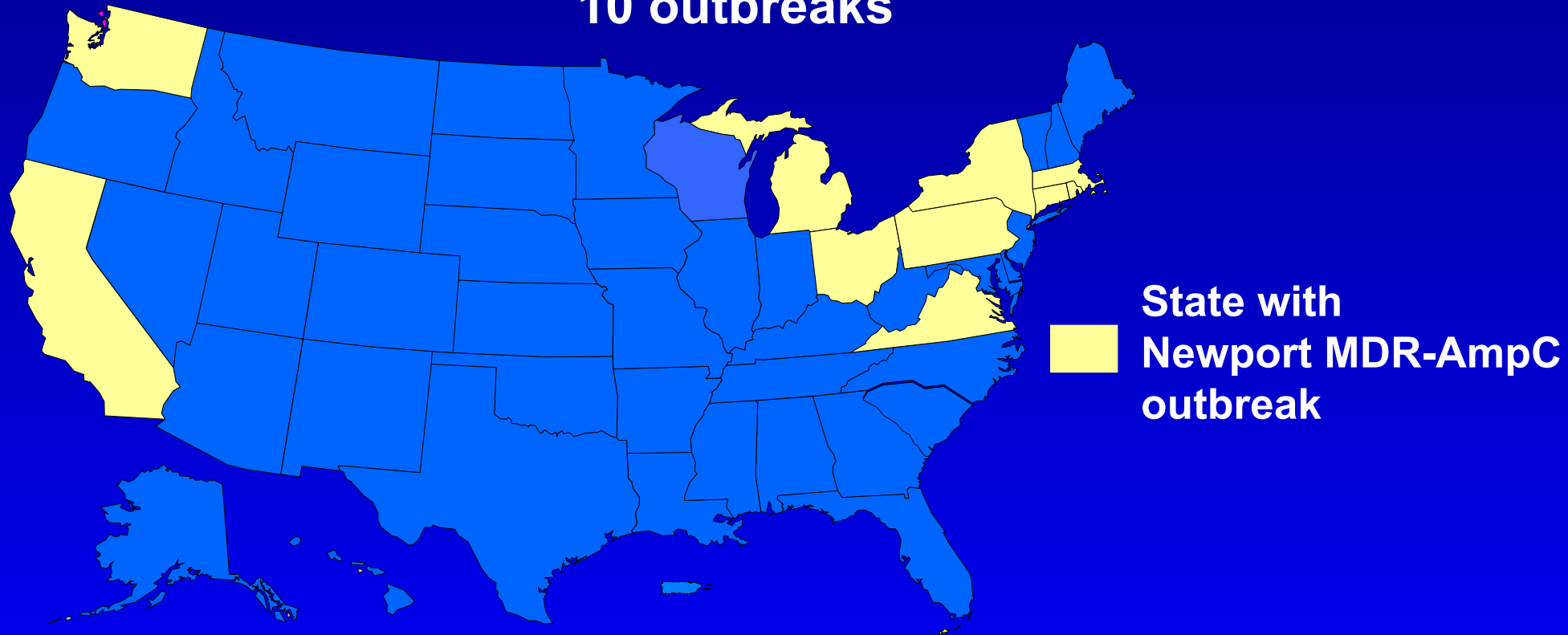
## Massachusetts and Vermont 2000-2001

- Detected *S. Newport* MDR-AmpC in stools of ill and well dairy cattle
- Many strains had same PFGE pattern as human isolates
- Dairy farms with *Newport* MDR-AmpC often had illness and deaths in cows
- On one farm, ill persons and milking cows had same strain



# Outbreaks of Newport MDR-AmpC, 1999-2002

10 outbreaks

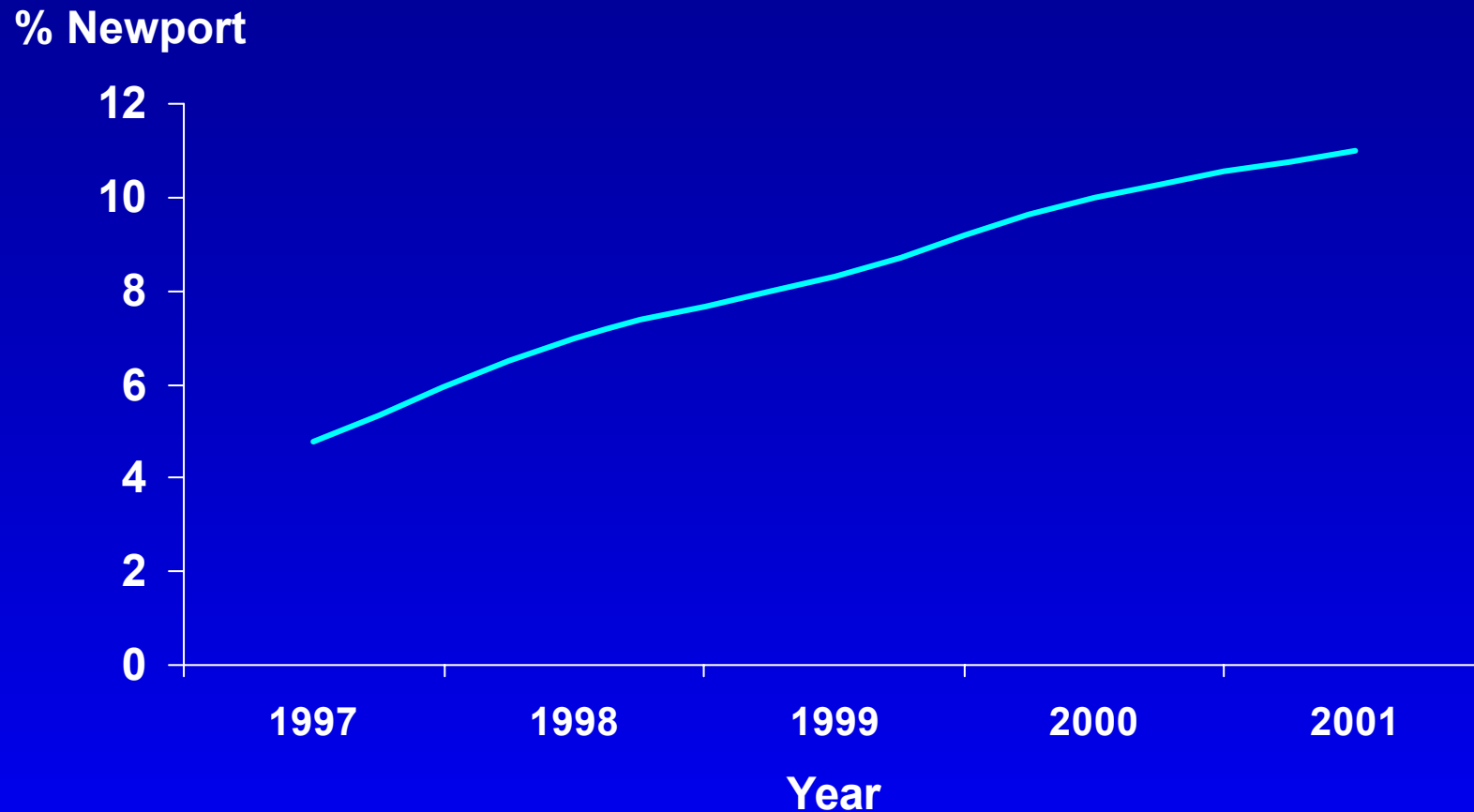


Based on reporting to CDC

# Food Vehicles in Newport MDR-AmpC Outbreaks

- Unpasteurized cheese/cream (3 outbreaks)
- Ground beef (2)
- Grape tomatoes (1)
- Turkey (1)
- Cilantro (1)
- Dish containing goat's blood (1)

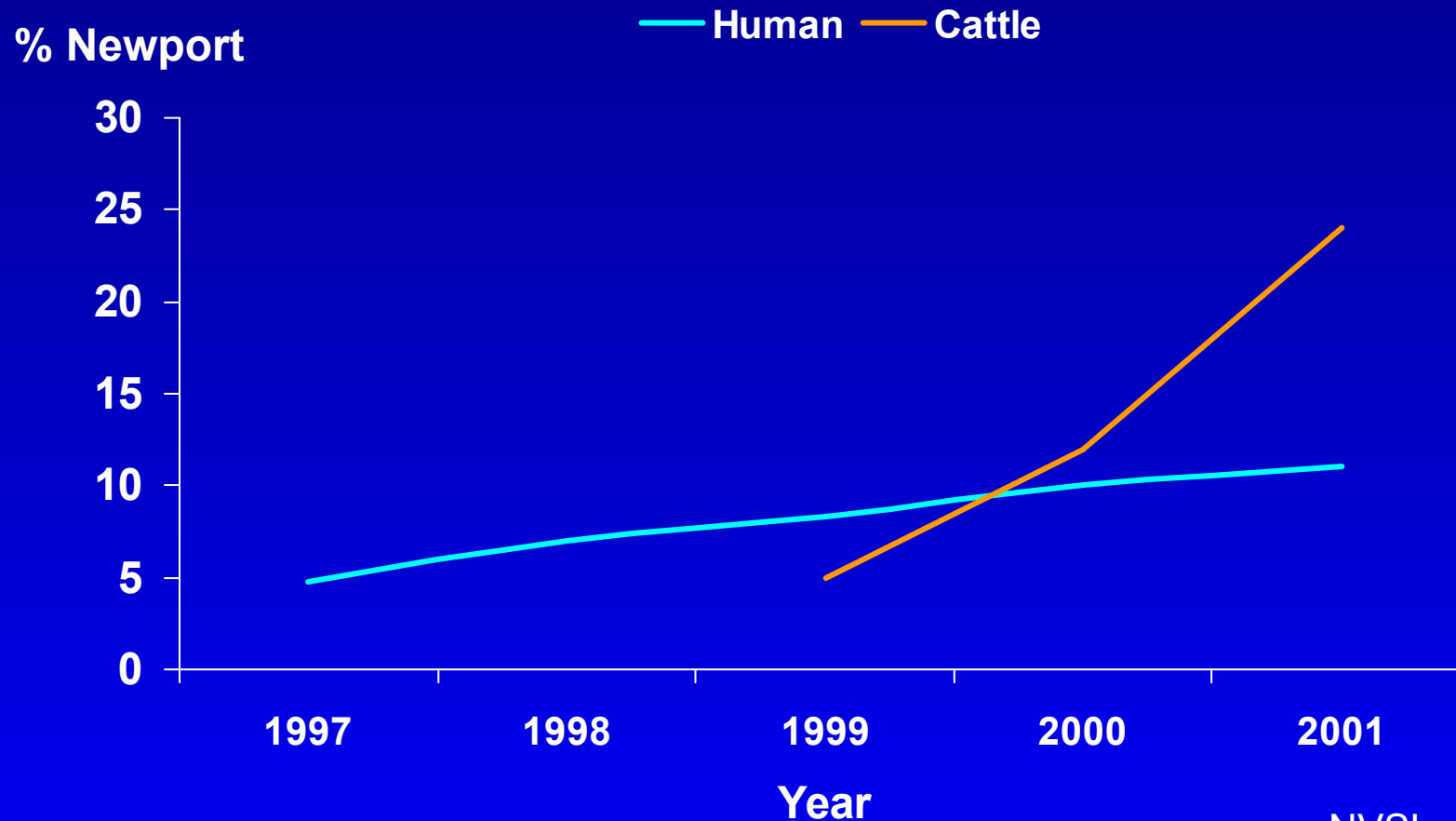
# Proportion of *Salmonella* that were *S.* Newport, Humans



CDC PHLIS, 1997-2001



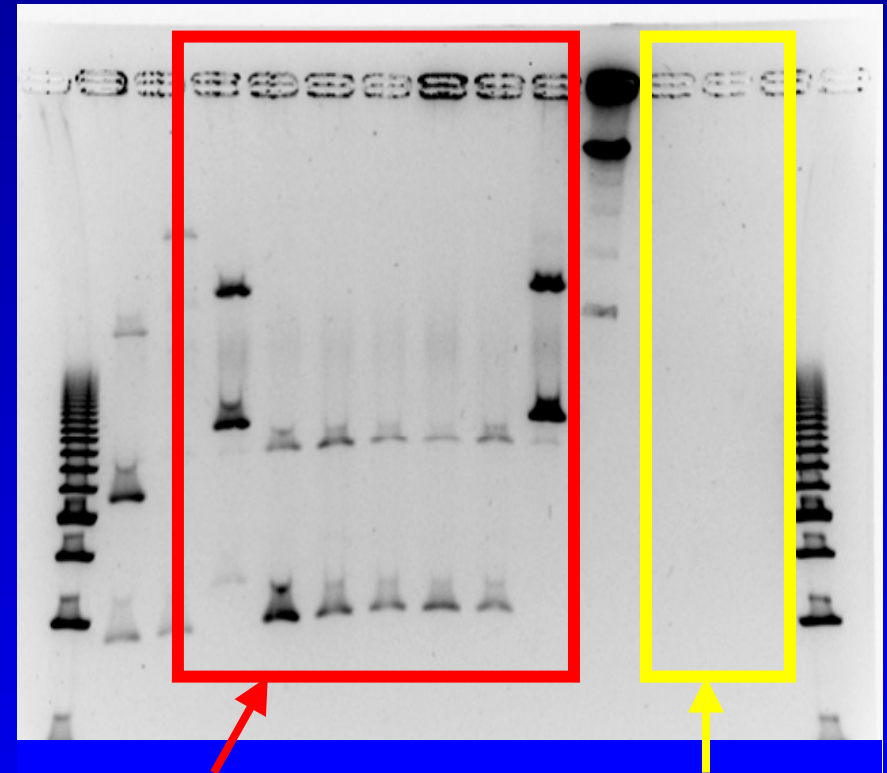
# Proportion of *Salmonella* that were *S. Newport*, Humans and ill Cattle



NVSL, 1999-2001  
CDC PHLIS, 1997-2001

# Molecular Characterization of Newport MDR-AmpC

- Resistance is on transferrable plasmids
- Contains a *bla*<sub>CMY</sub> gene
  - ampicillin
  - amoxicillin/clavulanate (pcn-inhibitor)
  - ceftiofur (cephamycin)
  - ceftiofur, ceftriaxone (extended- spectrum cephalosporins)



MDR-AmpC

Susceptible

# Comparison of *S. Typhimurium* DT104 with Newport MDR-AmpC

## *S. Typhimurium* DT104

- Illness in cattle
- Illness in persons in contact with cattle
- Bovine food vehicles (cheese, ground beef)
- ACSSuT
- Resistance genes on chromosome
- Epidemic in Europe

## Newport MDR-AmpC

- Illness in cattle
- Illness in persons in contact with cattle
- Bovine food vehicles (cheese, ground beef)
- ACSSuT plus
- Resistance genes on plasmid
- Appears confined to U.S.

# Summary

- The incidence of *S. Newport* human illness increased markedly in the late 1990s
- The increase in human *S. Newport* illness has been driven by an increase in a highly resistant strain, “Newport MDR-AmpC”
- Illness due to Newport MDR-AmpC is also emerging in cattle
- Risk factors for human illness include contact with cattle and consumption of bovine products (e.g., ground beef, unpasteurized cheese)

## Summary (continued)

- There are similarities and differences between epidemic Newport MDR-AmpC and *S. Typhimurium* DT104
- Resistance is mediated by transferrable plasmids

# CDC Activities

- Continuing surveillance through NARMS
- Investigating molecular mechanisms for resistance
- Conducting a case-control study of risk factors -- began April 2002 in FoodNet sites
- Publishing a CSTE letter and MMWR this month
- Assisting in outbreak investigations
- Encouraging studies of factors leading to emergence

# Recommendations

- Investigate human clusters of *S. Newport* infections
  - Inform CDC of clusters rapidly, send 3 isolates for antibiotic resistance testing
  - Screen for MDR-AmpC using chloramphenicol
- Alert public health veterinarian or dept of agriculture
  - Suggest review of veterinary *Salmonella* isolates
  - Suggest investigation of animal clusters of *S. Newport*
  - Alert farm personnel about risk of human illness

## Recommendations (continued)

- Alert clinical community because standard therapy for *Salmonella* may fail
- Determine whether raw milk or cheese made from it is sold in your state
  - Educate people, especially Hispanic community, about importance of pasteurization



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ICAAC 2001: Angulo, F et al.

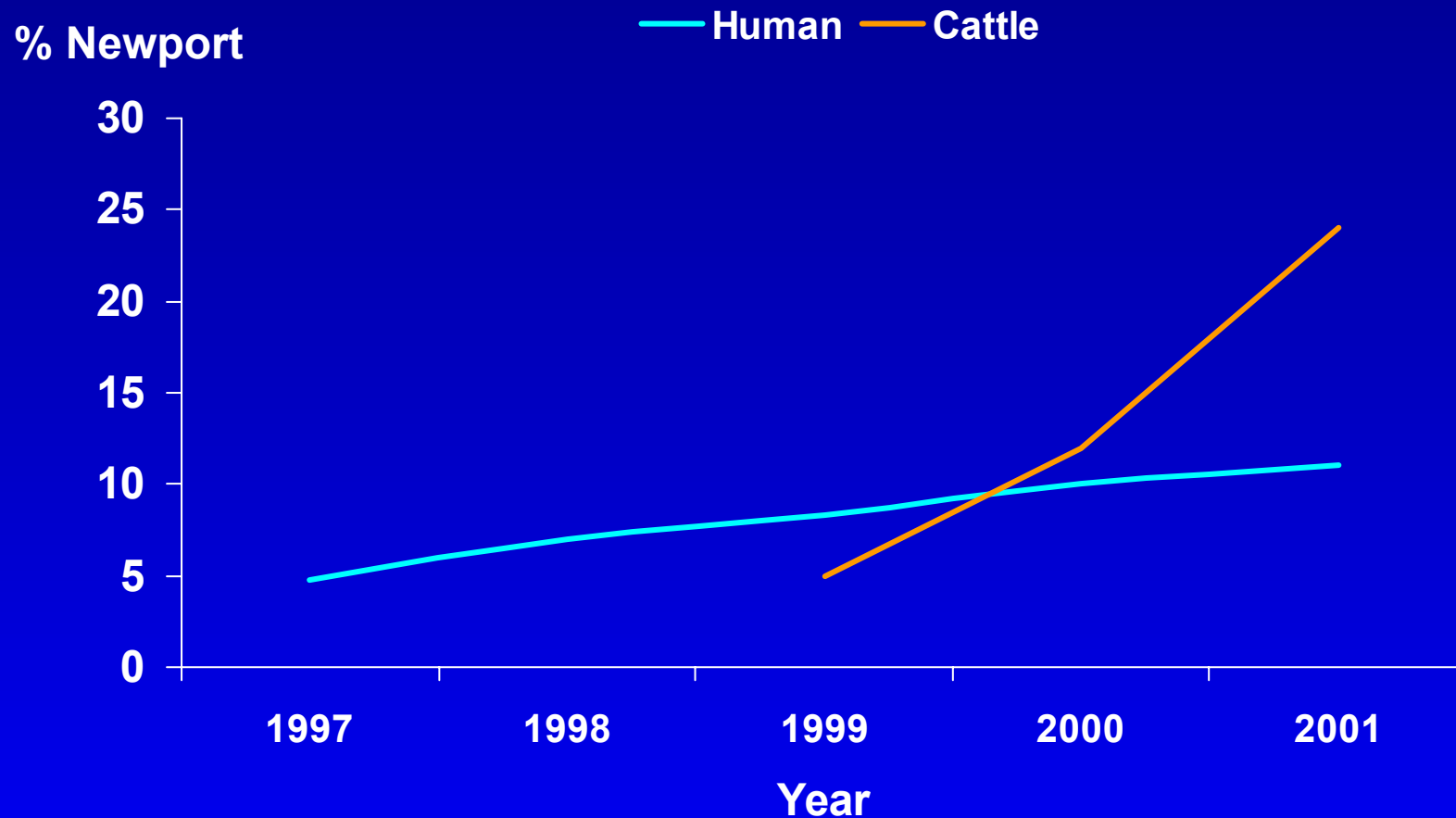
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Emergence of a Multidrug-Resistant Strain of *Salmonella* Serotype Newport in the US: NARMS 1997-1999

[www.cdc.gov/NARMS](http://www.cdc.gov/NARMS)

# Proportion of *Salmonella* that were Newport, Humans and ill Cattle

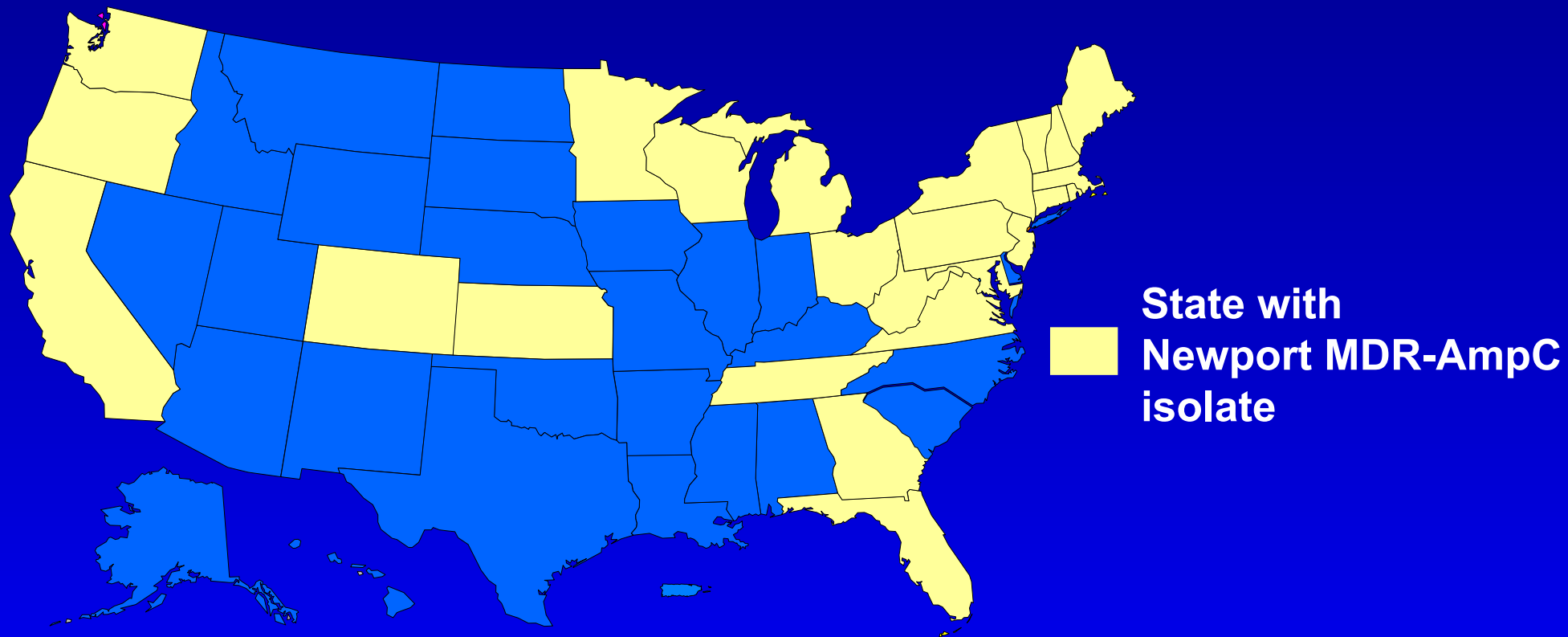


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# **Additional resistance of Newport MDR-AmpC**

- Of 78 Newport MDR-AmpC strains examined
  - 10% resistant to trimethoprim-sulfa
  - 6% resistant to gentamicin
  - 17% resistant to kanamycin

# States reporting isolation of Newport MDR-AmpC, 1999-2002



Based on reporting to CDC via NARMS or testing performed at state PHL